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MEDIA

KNAU: Producer Ryan Heinsius asked for comment regarding President Begaye's announcement regarding recent \$465,000 grant, waiting to hear back from reporter and share information: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) WTR

AZ Daily Star: Reporter Tony Davis had questions regarding CEQ referral of the proposed Rosemont mine, sent answers, reporter had follow up questions, working on additional responses: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan ENF (v)

LA Magazine: Reporter Matt Segal sent questions regarding Exide, Del Amo / Montrose and San Fernando Valley sites, had brief call on background with Dan Meer to explain Exide, and provided written responses: CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) SF / LND

Lake County Record-Bee (Lakeport, CA): Writer Ken Wells sent follow-up questions about the Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine Superfund site. Working with the program to provide written response by Thursday COB deadline. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

WEB

Social Media:

Air Quality -- Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about spending time outdoors this summer and checking air quality, and linked to our [AirNow](#) site.

Web Updates:

Brownfields – Updated links to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality on 20 pages in the [Brownfields website](#).

Trash-Free Waters – Posted multiple updates to 19 pages in the new national [Trash-Free Waters website](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA-41): A call was held today with Melanie Ling, Constituent Services Representative and District Director, Rafael Elizalde, on the Ag Park Project in Riverside, CA. Land Division's Steve Armann, Tom Huetteman, and Patrick Wilson along with Steven Leonido-John from our Los Angeles Office and ATSDR's Libby Vianu, Sven Rodenbeck, Kerry Stephens, and Eric Wortman participated along with Brent Maier.

Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA-24): Brent Maier along with Water Division's Mike Montgomery held a call with San Luis Obispo Field Representative Greg Haas regarding the Arroyo Grande aquifer exemption proposal to address some questions that Greg Haas had with regard the status of the permit decision. We committed to offering the Congresswoman's office an update and Brent sent out a calendar invite to proposing to update their office on Monday, July 11th. In addition, Brent also sent out a calendar invite to Congressman Kevin McCarthy's Kyle Lombardi and Vince Fong to provide them with an update following our call with Congresswoman Capps office. Awaiting confirmations back as to availability.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): A final draft of an EPA response to an incoming letter (#AL-16-000-8529) regarding the Iron King Mine/Dewey-Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site going to the Acting RA for final review and signature.

Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA-10): Brent Maier received a call from District Director Bob Rucker who would like to set up a conference call to provide a status update on EPA's cleanup work at the Valley Wood Preserving, Inc. Superfund Site. Brent has reached out to Superfund's Dana Barton to see who in our Superfund Program is able to participate in a call to update the Congressman's office.

Rep. Martha McSally (R-AZ-2): Brent Maier received a follow up inquiry on our Air Quality Flag Program Challenge press release from Tucson District Director C.J. Karamargin regarding whether any of the schools which 63 new schools in the Flag Program were within Arizona's 2nd Congressional District. Brent has reached out to our Air Division and will share any information in response to this inquiry.

OCIR Request for Upcoming U.S. Conference of Mayors Meeting: OCIR's Arnita Hannon is requesting any "brief" hot issues focused on "water" for the following Region IX Mayors for an upcoming U.S. Conference of Mayors' meeting that Office of Water's Joel Beauvais will be attending/speaking at on June 24th. OCIR is requesting we share any brief water focused hot issues by Friday, June 17th. The Region IX Mayors include the following list: Mayor Deborah Robertson (Rialto, CA); Mayor Ed Lee (San Francisco, CA); Mayor Christopher Cabaldon (West Sacramento, CA); Mayor Gary Soiseth (Turlock, CA); Mayor Jill Techel (Napa, CA), Co-Chair, Mayors Water Council; Mayor Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA); Mayor Alan Arakawa (Maui, HI); and Mayor John Marchand (Livermore, CA). Brent Maier shared this incoming request with our Water Division managers.

GAO Testimony/Report: U.S. EPA has adopted about half of the recommendations for management and policy reforms issued by the Government Accountability Office over the last decade, according to a report released yesterday. The agency has implemented 174 of 325 GAO recommendations -- 53 percent -- since fiscal 2006. The bulk of those recommendations refer to EPA's management and operations. Of those 104 recommendations, 51 percent have been implemented, according to the [report](#). – E&E

GAO Report: The Government Accountability Office (GAO) today released the following report: *Managing for Results: Agencies Need to Fully Identify and Report Major Management Challenges and Actions to Resolve them in their Agency Performance Plans*. GAO-16-510, June 15, 2016. Report: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-510> Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/assets/680/677861.pdf>

Legislative Action:

House Appropriations Committee: Full Committee held a markup of its 2017 Interior and EPA spending bill. The \$32.1 billion bill would cut \$64 million from current spending levels for the Interior Department, EPA and other programs, and includes a handful of controversial policy riders. Full Committee Markup - FY 2017 Interior and Environment Bill and Report on the Revised Interim Suballocation of Budget Allocations. The House Appropriations Committee voted 31-18 along party lines today to advance a spending bill for the Interior Department and U.S. EPA that carries policy riders aimed at quashing Obama administration regulations. Appropriators approved the spending bill a day before the Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to take up its own measure. The House legislation spearheaded by Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.) will now move to the floor, where GOP leaders have said they would limit debate in a bid to increase the chances for passing spending bills. An archived webcast of the markup can be viewed at the following link:

http://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=394587&utm_source=&utm_medium=email

Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Intergovernmental Meetings:

Thursday – Monday, June 23 – 27, 2016 - United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) to Convene in Indianapolis, IN: The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) will hosts its 84th Annual Conference of Mayors June 23 – 27. Resolutions will be considered by the policy committees throughout the conference and adopted by the full body on Monday, June 27th. At the conclusion of the conference, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake (Baltimore, MD) will conclude her term as President. Mayor Mick Cornett (Oklahoma City, OK) will be the incoming President. The Mayors Water Council will convene on Friday, June 24th. Mayors Joy Cooper (Hallandale Beach, FL) and **Jill Techel (Napa, CA)** are Co-Chairs. Friday will also feature the Mayors Climate Protection Awards Luncheon. The Energy Committee, chaired by Mayor Johnathan F. Mitchell (New Bedford, MA), will meet late afternoon on Friday. On Saturday, June 25th, the Environment Committee, chaired by **Mayor Greg Stanton (Phoenix, AZ)**, will convene for its business meeting and consideration of Resolutions. Administrator McCarthy addressed the Environment Committee during the January Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. OIR will manage EPA's participation in the conference, including any presenters. For a complete conference schedule see www.usmayors.org. OIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon